

## KNIGHTS PYTHIAS PAY SPRING VISIT

### Grand Lodge Officers Received by Rathbone. Superior Members.

Grand Chancellor Claude H. Woodward, accompanied by the staff of grand lodge officers, paid his spring fraternal visit to Rathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 23, Knights of Pythias, on March 27. There was a large attendance and the lodge conferred the rank of knight in amplified form upon two esquires. The meeting was one of the largest since the inauguration of the spring visits by the grand chancellor. This lodge is the one of which Past Grand Chancellor Frank H. Hosford was an honored member, and by resolution, the meeting of the lodge on the 30th of April will be devoted mostly to eulogies to the memory of Mr. Hosford.

Syracusan Lodge, No. 10, Knights of Pythias, held its regular convention at Pythian Temple on the 27th of March, and there was a large attendance. Considerable routine business was transacted and after the adjournment of the lodge, the members paid a fraternal visit in a body to Rathbone-Superior Lodge.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, was visited by the grand chancellor and other grand lodge officers on the evening of the 31st of March. There was a good attendance and all were entertained by the remarks made during the evening. The principal address was made by Mr. Rowan, of Amaranth Lodge, No. 28, of this city.

Ascalon Temple, No. 51, Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, the long-branch of the Knights of Pythias, paid a fraternal visit to Ben Hadad Temple, No. 93, of Baltimore, on the evening of the March 31. About forty votaries of the order, under the leadership of Royal Prince Max T. Pines, and leading four tyros for initiation, boarded the 7 o'clock express for the Monumental City on that evening.

Arriving at Mr. Royal Station, in Baltimore, they were met by a committee of Ben Hadad Temple and escorted to the Metropolitan Hotel, where the ceremonies were held.

The ritualistic work was of the high class that Ben Hadad is noted for producing and was conducted under the leadership of Royal Prince W. F. Broening, as royal vizier, than whom there is no better in the country.

After the ritualistic work was completed, the company proceeded to the banquet hall, where an elegant repast was served.

The feature of the evening was the presentation, by Royal Prince Pearson, on behalf of Ascalon Temple, of a token of respect to Royal Prince W. F. Broening of Ben Hadad Temple.

## CRIMOCHE MEMBERS, MISS TOOLE'S GUESTS

The Crimochre Pleasure Club was entertained Tuesday at the home of Miss Bertha Toole, in Southeast Washington. A skit entitled, "Going Down to Bangor," furnished much amusement and a game of "states and questions" was very interesting. Miss Sophie Niemeyer and Leroy Gaddis won prizes as the best historians. A brief business meeting was held and it was decided not to give a dance this April. Among the guests were Miss Irene Umhau, Miss Josephine Hirlinger, Miss Gertrude Hirlinger, and Miss Emille Rittershoffer, and Bernard Robey, William Toole, Cassard Schroth, Everett Parsley and J. Edwin Burch.

## G. A. R. TO CELEBRATE GEN. GRANT'S BIRTHDAY

The Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., is planning to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Gen. U. S. Grant. Special services will be held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Monday evening, April 27. Representative Washington Gardner, past department commander of the Department of Michigan; John A. T. Hull, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, and others will make addresses.

The arrangements are under the direction of the department commander, John S. Walker, and the following committee: A. S. Perham, chairman; Charles Wesley Gallagher, vice chairman; George Bennett, James H. Bradford, W. F. Brenner, W. C. Davenport, Robert F. Grant, George C. Harris, Edward A. Keeler, J. E. McCabe, Hosea B. Moulton, Isaac P. Moyes, H. H. Patterson, William M. Potter, Charles H. Preston, E. J. Sweet, George Tate, Franklin L. Van Auker.

The following are chairman of committees: Press, Franklin T. How; speakers, Charles W. Gallagher; invitations, Hosea B. Moulton; music, George C. Potwin; reception, Henry A. Johnson; officer of the day, in charge of church, James M. Edgar; decorations, Jerome F. Johnson; flag exercise, Edwin H. Holbrook.

## BEGGARS ELECT NEW KING: 100,000 PEKIN MIENDICANTS

PEKIN, April 4.—The Pekin beggars, 100,000 strong, have elected their new king who will rule them for a year. The election is the most democratic on record, every beggar, man, woman, and child casting a vote.

After his election, the beggar king was carried in state to a public bath, scrubbed, shaved, and manured and clothed in silks and satins, with many porcelain beads to indicate his rank. The mendicants' majesty is absolute base of the city's beggar departments into which the immense town of Pekin has been divided by the fraternity.

## ANNUAL MEET TOMORROW OF THE ROYAL ARCANUM

The Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum of the District of Columbia will convene in its fourteenth annual session tomorrow evening at Scottish Rite Temple for the transaction of business relating to the affairs of that order, and to consider the recommendations contained in the reports of officers.

The report of Grand Regent William W. Chase shows that the Royal Arcanum has progressed steadily in Washington during his term of service, the membership on April 1, 1908, being 2,735. This shows a gratifying gain during the grand council year. Since the institution of the Royal Arcanum in this city, some twenty-nine years ago, its beneficiaries have received \$1,020,366.

The Royal Arcanum Hospital Bed Fund Association has rendered efficient service in caring for the sick during the year, and the annual appropriation for its maintenance is commended. The supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum will be represented during the grand council session by H. H. C. Miller, a past supreme regent, who will be accompanied by H. S. Burkhardt, the supreme guide, of Chicago, and they will install the newly elected officers Tuesday night.

The annual banquet of the grand council in honor of the supreme officers and the chair officers of the various councils of the Royal Arcanum in this city will be held Tuesday evening at the Riggs House, at the conclusion of the ceremonies of installation of the grand council officers for the ensuing year. The banquet is in charge of a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Claude R. Zappone and J. Ed. Swaine.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED BY SONS OF JONADAB

A meeting of Unity Council, No. 2, Independent Order Sons of Jonadab, was held in McMillan's Hall, Eighth and I streets northeast, Wednesday evening. The reports of officers for the first quarter were read, and showed an excellent financial condition, and a net gain of twenty-six members for the quarter.

Grand Chief John E. Rhodes installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Jesse E. Watt, worthy chief; Charles A. Mattimore, vice chief; C. J. Parrish, past chief; B. M. Wildman, chaplain; E. M. Kelly, herald; G. A. Martin, assistant herald; William J. Armstrong, recording secretary; M. J. O'Day, treasurer; Charles A. Somers, guard; and W. J. Sproesser, sentinel.

The grand chief complimented and congratulated the members on the flourishing condition of the council, and the good work it is doing. Then followed a program of songs, recitations, and musical selections, interspersed with brief remarks by the members.

## ARMY AND NAVY UNION FORMS NEW GARRISON

James A. Buchanan Garrison, No. 111, Army and Navy Union, was mustered in at Odd Fellows Hall Tuesday night. The ceremonies were conducted by Col. J. Edwin Browne, and his staff, Adj. Gen. E. J. Bower, Col. Daniel Stratton, W. C. Lyon, R. C. Galbraith, Department Commander J. C. Gorgensen, Department Adjutant S. P. Bomer.

The following officers of the new garrison: Commander, S. T. Henry; adjutant, L. E. Brown; quartermaster, W. J. Parnell; paymaster, G. D. Powell; senior vice commander, John R. Hays; junior vice commander, J. R. Henderson; officer of the day, Sylvester Hodge; chaplain, John Thurston; indoor guardian, Albert Lee, and outdoor guardian, James Hawkins.

## MEXICO, AMERICAN EGYPT, EXCELSIOR CLUB LECTURE

Striking similarity between Mexico and Egypt was the subject of an interesting lecture by Mrs. Thierckel, wife of the president of Howard University, at the meeting of the Excelsior Literary Club in the residence of Mrs. Fannie M. Page, Tuesday.

Mrs. Thierckel styled Mexico "The Egypt of America." She told of the religious customs, symbols, temples, burial ritual, buildings, costumes, and pottery of the Mexicans, and declared that the Rosetta stone of Egypt and the Calendar stone of Mexico bore similar hieroglyphics. The lecturer was thanked with a rising vote.

Miss A. M. Chamberlain presented an interesting paper dealing with the Suez canal.

## ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION MEETS

The annual meeting of the Illinois Association was held Wednesday night at Grand Army hall. After reports of officers and committees the annual election was held, which resulted as follows: W. H. Richardson, president; N. M. Potts, vice president; Mrs. Electa Smith, second vice president; L. C. Stockton, secretary; H. M. Vandervort, treasurer; I. R. Hill, Jr., J. W. Woodbury, Martin, representative to League of Republican State Clubs.

## LE DROIT W. C. T. U. MEETS AT MRS. DE RIEMER'S HOME

The Le Droit W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. De Riemer, 1416 Chapin street, Thursday. The president, Mrs. Sydney Phillips, and a large number of members were present.

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## CHIEFS OF RED MEN VISIT SIOUX TRIBE

Great Sachem John B. Altmann, Great Junior Sagamore James W. Allison, Great Chief of Records James E. Shepherd, and Past Great Sachem Joseph J. Caylor were visitors to Sioux Tribe, No. 18, Improved Order of Red Men, on last Thursday's sleep. At the conclusion of routine business the visiting chiefs made addresses and commended Sioux Tribe for its advanced position in the order, though it is the youngest tribe in the reservation. Ernest Eder, of Sioux Tribe, made an address portraying the character of the primitive red man, as exemplified in his constancy, fidelity to principle, and his tribal relations.

After the quenching of the council fire, Sioux Hay Loft, No. 18, assembled in regular convocation, and Great Sachem John B. Altmann and J. Conner, of Sioux Tribe, were initiated into the mysteries of hay making, after which the tables were spread and refreshments served.

The regular burning of the council fire of White Eagle Council, degree of Pocahontas, on last Wednesday's sleep, was an enjoyable affair. There was a large delegation present from Onetta Council, No. 2. The degree was conferred on one candidate, and interesting remarks were made by members of the visiting delegation and by J. B. Elchole, a visitor from Kentucky.

## APRIL FOOLS' DANCE HELD THURSDAY EVENING

An April Fools' dance was given Thursday evening at the Saengerbund Hall, under the auspices of the ball committee of the Washington Saengerbund. The hall was beautifully decorated with American flags, palms, and cut flowers. The table was arranged in a triangle, all the guests facing each other. The guests assembled in the parlors of the club house, and to the air of a lively march, played by a section of the Marine Band, took their places at the table.

As skeleton, Mr. Levy entered the hall when all the lights but one had been extinguished, to the tune of Chopin's Funeral March. Then the spirit told of the wonders that had been performed by men of old, and what is done now in these days of commercialism and rush.

"I will return in another year and see what you can do," were his parting words, and, silently, with measured steps, he disappeared.

During the evening musical numbers were rendered by E. Gerry Whall, John J. Allen, Frank J. Allen, John P. Redeker, and a special violin solo by J. Karr, assisted by Mrs. E. Heupler. The hour had come, according to the words of the toastmaster to stop the frolic, and after all present sang "Auld Lang Syne," under the leadership of Frank Redeker. Mr. Burkart closed the evening with a beautiful speech. This ended an enjoyable evening, the like of which had never been seen before in the venerable hall of the Saengerbund.

Those present were John Waldman, John Schulz, Frank Claudy, Dr. G. K. Baier, Mrs. E. C. Allen, Mrs. A. C. Krauskopf, Mrs. E. Hempler, Mrs. J. Hall, John E. and R. J. Allen, Gerry F. Redeker, Mrs. A. Burkart, Mrs. G. Barthel, Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Reichard, Mr. and Mrs. J. May Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Chisell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiegand, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Levy, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Van Zandt, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sinsheimer, Mr. and Mrs. Vogelsang, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Kennel, Miss Levy, Miss Savage, Miss Phillips, Miss Mothershead, Miss Tripp, Miss Bauer, Mr. Pinner, J. Redeker, F. Redeker, P. Bankman, Mrs. Karr, Otto Wehner, Herbert Levy, F. Vogel-sang, H. Kennedy, Carl Brodt, N. Dell Gross, and Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Brandstedt.

## SHIELD OF HONOR LODGE GIVES "BOX PARTY"

Columbia Lodge, No. 51, Shield of Honor, gave a social and "box party" Tuesday evening at their hall, Seventh and D streets northwest.

Past Grand Master Simmons Watkins, of New Jersey, made the opening address, after which a very pleasant hour was spent in songs and recitations. Boxes were auctioned off. Worthy Master Kidwell acting as auctioneer, and quite a large sum was realized for the relief fund.

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In her minutes the secretary gave special notice to the enthusiastic report at the previous meeting of the mothers' meeting held under the auspices of Le Droit Union, and addressed by Mrs. W. T. Thierckel. Delegates were elected to the quarterly district meeting as follows: Mrs. E. L. Parks, Mrs. W. T. Thierckel, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Thierckel. Alternates: Mrs. Woodbury, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Foxwell, and Mrs. Morgan.

## ENTERS LION'S CAGE TO GIVE MEDICINE

WARSAW, April 4.—Dr. Albert Dembinski, director of the Veterinary Academy, has sounded a full-grown lion for long trouble, and lives to tell the tale. The distinguished patient is called Nero, and is one of the finest specimens of his race in Europe. He caught a cold some little time ago, and when hot whisky and other ordinary remedies failed, the professor was sent for. He diagnosed lung trouble, but said he couldn't tell for sure until he had sounded the patient.

Dr. Dembinski was told that Nero never allowed a stranger to approach him and that any attempt to enter the cage might result fatally.

Facing the prospect of being eaten alive, the courageous doctor went into the cage with Nero's favorite keeper, who caused the lion to turn on his back and permit the doctor to lay hands on him. While Nero followed Dembinski's movements with suspicious eyes at first, he soon understood that the stranger's actions were intended for his benefit. Thus encouraged, the doctor sounded the lion as he would a human being, putting his ear to the lion's chest and back alternately, making him breathe deeply, with the keeper's help, etc.

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